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item 8 of the Final Office Action mailed 3/12/2002.

As a consequence the rejection of Claim 75-80 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, has been removed.

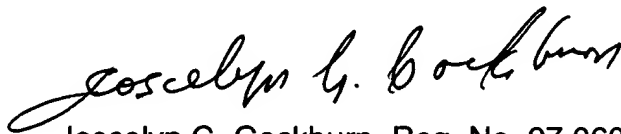
No other issue was discussed during the telephonic interview.

No new matter has been added to Claim 75.

It is noted the only rejection against Claims 75-80 is under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, which has been resolved as a result of the above amendment. Therefore, claims 75-80 are allowable and their allowance is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claim 75 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Respectfully Submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the Claims:**

Claim 75 has been amended as follows:

- 1 75. (Amended) A computer generated method to abbreviate a character string
2 comprising the acts of:
- 3 (a) providing the character string to be abbreviated;
- 4 (b) defining N character types to be removed for said character string,
5 wherein N is greater than 1;
- 6 (c) defining a character string size having a predetermined number of
7 characters to be in an abbreviated character string;
- 8 (d) selecting a character type from the N character types;
- 9 (e) searching the character string for a character of the selected character
10 type;
- 11 (f) removing the selected character of the selected character type if detected
12 in said search of the character string;
- 13 (g) comparing a remaining portion of the character string remaining after the
14 selected character is removed with the character string size set forth in
15 step (c);
- 16 (h) terminating removal of additional character type from said remaining
17 portion of the character string if said remaining portion of the character
18 string is not greater than the character string size; and
- 19 (i) repeating acts (d) through (h) if the remaining portion of the character
20 string is greater than the character size.